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Sir/Madam,

There's probably not much more to say than has already been said by many others - Microsoft practices clearly damage the industry and consumers. An unaccountable amount of damage has already been done, but it is not too late to put a stop to this.

MS plans for XP, .NET, XBox will *not* benefit users because they do not provide useful public standards for services. Competition is healthy and necessary and exploitation of a uniquely inherited position to the detriment of society (the impact of all this goes well beyond the IT industry) is plainly unfair in any civilised arena.

It is also ironically unpatriotic to the American ideal and reliance on a single closed standard will make society very vulnerable due to the lack of choice and alternatives.

It must be your duty as guardians of justice to put a stop to this. Millions of people are trusting you to perform your duty and restrict anti-competitive practices, and compensate those who have suffered because of MS unfair exploitations.

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Regards,
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